

CELEBRATION PLANS PRACTICALLY COMPLETE

Citizens Respond Generously With Financial Support—Program Includes Sports, Speaking, Music and Fireworks.

From the Raton Range.

Preparations are going on apace for the coming Fourth of July celebration. Since the meeting of citizens held at the rooms of the Commercial club last Monday evening, the various committees have organized and settled down to business in earnest. The finance committee has been doing some tall hustling the past few days and has already raised over \$1,200 and states that there is more money in sight.

An elaborate celebration has been planned and arrangements have been completed to run excursion trains from Cimarron, Des Moines and Yankee and possibly from other near by places as well.

The following program for the day has been arranged:

In the morning, probably about 10 o'clock, there will be speaking as well as singing by a male chorus from a stand which will be erected on First street, between Cook and Park avenues. The Declaration of Independence will be read, to be followed by a short address by a speaker of repute. The names of several well known orators are being considered, but a definite selection has not yet been made.

Following the address the following sports have been arranged for to take place on First street:

A novelty race, foot races, a fifty yard fat men's race, race for boys under fifteen years of age, fifty yards, a race for girls under fifteen years, etc. The foot races will be for 100 yards and open to all foot racers for a purse of \$15. There will also be a three legged race.

The afternoon program will embrace other sports on the grounds just east of the Santa Fe depot, as follows:

Horse races first. A one-quarter mile free-for-all running race for

Colfax county horses for a purse of \$100. Three hundred yard pony race for a \$50 purse. A ring tournament, purse \$25.

There will also be a match game of base ball for a purse of \$100. The teams who will compete have not yet been definitely selected.

There will be music galore the entire day. The Raton Concert band has been engaged and will play from early in the morning until late at night. If the finances permit, another band will also be engaged.

In the evening will occur a grand display of fireworks. The location of the fireworks stand has not been decided upon, but will be announced later.

The appropriation for fireworks has been placed at \$400, so it will be seen that the display will be a very fine one. The sum of \$500 has been set aside for sports and the handsome amount which will be distributed in purses will surely attract a good string of horses and riders.

The streets will be decorated in an attractive manner and the committee requests that everyone take interest enough in the celebration to decorate their residences or places of business in a manner befitting the occasion.

The various committees are working hard to make the observance of the day a great success and deserve and no doubt will have the hearty cooperation of every citizen. No efforts will be spared to make this the greatest affair of its kind ever in Raton.

This will be a good time for everyone interested in the future prosperity and welfare of Raton to show the hundreds of visitors who will be present what the residents of the Gate City can do. If you have not yet contributed your share toward helping the celebration along, see the finance committee at once.

DEATH CAUSED BY FLASH OF LIGHTNING

Frank Polifka, An 18 Year Old Lad, Electrocuted at Goin's Livery Stable During Severe Storm Early Thursday Morning.

From the Raton Range.

Frank Polifka, age 18, employed at Goin's livery stable, was struck by lightning about 1 o'clock Thursday morning and instantly killed. The lad, who had been employed at the stable off and on for about a year and a half, and another employee, Sidney Speller, sleep there nights.

They returned to the barn after attending the performance at the Coliseum and went to bed. They were awakened shortly after midnight by the severe electrical storm. Speller called out to his companion that he saw a flash in the rear of the barn and thought it was on fire. Polifka, who was in his bare feet, ran back to investigate. He got within a few feet of where the lightning was playing on the electric light wires when he was struck by the fluid and instantly killed. One side of his body was badly burned and scarred where the lightning got in its deadly work.

As soon as Speller saw what had happened, he endeavored to reach E.

C. Ferguson, foreman of the barn, by phone at his room at the Seaberg annex. At about the same time Thomas Budd, night hack driver for the livery, drove into the stable to seek shelter from the pouring rain and took in the situation at a glance.

Mr. Budd at once drove to the Seaberg and hurried back to the stable with Mr. Ferguson, who had in the meantime been informed of the accident. Dr. Frisbee was sent for and also Frank Polifka, Sr., father of the lad, summoned from his home on Tirrell avenue.

The boy was beyond all earthly aid, however, Dr. Frisbee stating as soon as he arrived that death had been instantaneous. The remains were taken to the boy's home on Tirrell avenue.

The lad was a faithful worker and popular with the attaches and patrons of the stable, all of who regret his untimely end.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning from St. Patrick's church, Rev. J. V. Cooney officiating. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

Brilliant.

The family of William Jolly left brilliant today for El Moro, Colo., where they will make their future home.

Mrs. James Wood went to Raton Wednesday on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. William Chandler.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hurdle of Gardiner returned Tuesday from a visit to friends in Kansas. Joe says he had the time of his life.

Mrs. M. G. Sungelov of Gardiner is visiting relatives in Kansas and expects to be absent for several weeks.

Mrs. J. Willis of Blossburg visited friends in Raton this week, as well as doing considerable shopping while in the Gate City.

A. R. Quick returned from Van Houten Wednesday via the Swastika route.

Dr. Hobbs of Gardiner, who was

injured in a runaway accident about two weeks ago, is getting along nicely and will be able to be out shortly.

SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS TO BE RETIRED

Stamp collectors should get possession of all the available special delivery stamps, for on July 1, they are to be relegated to the sovereign class. The fact that these stamps are superfluous, and Postmaster Hill has received notice that no more of them will be issued after July 1.

After that date any stamp, or stamps, to the amount of ten cents, placed on a letter in addition to the regular postage, will insure its prompt delivery, if the sender in endorsing the envelope places on it the words "special delivery."

The late exhibitions of debauchery among the rich leads me to believe that poverty keeps many a man good.

THE GRIST OF LIFE'S MILL

J. MARVIN NICHOLS.

Naked and not ashamed—Me and Adam.

Time has no mortgage on the human soul.

Quit your whining—nobody's listening.

Control thought and you control destiny.

Who are you? Answer that, and shrivel up.

The capacity to wait is no small mark of greatness.

A man is never any more than what he really believes.

Whatever interests a child is of interest to all mankind.

Get busy, old man! That's the shibboleth in this good age.

Don't tell other people what they should do—do it yourself.

That which brings unrest to your mind is of no value to you.

Quality—not quantity—is what we want when we invest in children.

I despise the fellow that's all the time letting people feel of him.

Your words cannot be immortal unless you strike the dominant passion.

Set your shoulder joyously to your wheel of destiny and "keep-a-comin'."

The one thing in our mad rush for things is rest—time to think.

There are vastly more men who miss opportunities than there are men who lack them.

Try hard and fail splendidly is infinitely better than never to have tried at all.

Generally the fellow who doesn't know anything about the real is following the fake.

Success is not half so much a matter of talent as it is of concentration and dogged persistence.

Some men's education seems to be of more use to them than a safety razor at a negro picnic.

Your right to do as you please is always limited by the freedom of others to do the very same thing.

Beat the other fellow at his job, and one of these mornings you'll wake up famous—you'll be boss.

In what respect is the dependent woman in the parlor superior to the dependent man? Can you say?

Some grown people are afraid they will spoil their children by making them too happy. What fools!

This old world is so infinitely wide—there's room for you. The tides of the sea come and go—why worry?

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the office of the county clerk since the last issue:

April 15—Batista Tafuya to John Morrow, 160 acres in township 30, north of range 26 east. Consideration \$400.

May 18—Carlos Valdez to Luis Valdez, lot 5 of the A. J. Valdez tract near Springer. Consideration \$1.

May 1907—Carlos Valdez to Felix Valdez, lot 1 in precinct 12 of the A. J. Valdez tract near Springer. Consideration \$1.

May 18—Carlos Valdez to Sofia Valdez, lot 2 of the A. J. Valdez tract near Springer. Consideration \$1.

May 18—Carlos Valdez to Petra N. Florence, lot 3 of the A. J. Valdez tract near Springer. Consideration \$1.

May 18—Luis Valdez to Matilde Valdez, lot 4 of the A. J. Valdez tract near Springer. Consideration \$1.

May 18—Luis Valdez to Carlos Valdez, lot 6 of the A. J. Valdez tract near Springer. Consideration \$1.

June 3—Mrs. Boney Schoenen to Josie T. Rebal, lot 3, block 46, in New Mexico Town company's first subdivision to Raton. Consideration \$300.

June 3—J. J. Brackett to Victor L. Brackett, lot 8, block C. S. E. of town of Cimarron. Consideration \$800.

June 3—Jose Valdez to Julian Martinez, section 28, township 27, north of range 25 east. Consideration, \$275.

May 24—Charles F. Covey to C. B. Kohlhausen, strip of land north side of block E, Covey addition to Raton. Consideration, \$1.

May 14—A. H. Officer, exut, to A. H. Officer, trustee, one-quarter interest in lots of Northside addition to Raton not heretofore sold. Consideration, \$1.

May 14—T. A. Schomburg to A. H. Officer, a three-quarters interest in all lots not heretofore sold in Northside addition to Raton. Consideration, \$1.

June 5—James N. Cook to Allen Harris, a tract of land in the James N. Cook addition to Raton. Consideration, \$2,500.

Nov. 13, 1906—Jose D. Romero to E. A. Chavez, 160 acres in township 24, north of range 16. Consideration, \$1.

June 4—Patrick Berry to C. L. Mann, lots 22, 23, and 24 of block 15, Maxwell north addition to Raton. Consideration, \$100.

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ILL TREATMENT OF PRISONERS CHARGED

Santa Fe, N. M.—The Santa Fe New Mexican charges the management of the territorial penitentiary with ill treatment of prisoners and declares that one convict for no apparent offense at all was hung up by his wrists for 17 days in a dark cell and fed only on bread and water.

The New Mexican charges that former Governor Hagerman was informed but ordered no investigation.

Acting Governor Reynolds and Attorney General Prichard will investigate.

ELECTION CALLED IN OKLAHOMA

William H. Murray, president of the Oklahoma Constitutional convention, has issued a proclamation calling an election August 6, when the constitution framed by the convention for the proposed State of Oklahoma will be ratified or rejected.

The call was issued despite the fact that District Judge Panceast had issued a restraining order. Mr. Murray declares he does not fear a trial for contempt.

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